

TIGER SPORTS

Lacrosse Wins Big over CNU, Catholic, Drops to Cabrini at Home

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Sports Writer

After dropping the season opener to the University of Mary Washington, the Hampden-Sydney Lacrosse team responded with two huge wins over Catholic and Christopher Newport. The Tigers were sitting at 2-1 before losing to at home to #7 ranked Cabrini on March 4. The lacrosse team made the trip up to Catholic University to take on the Cardinals on Tuesday, February 24. Hampden-Sydney was able to grab an 8-6 win in a game that seemed to be all about defense. Senior Thomas Armstrong had a strong game, scoring four goals and scooping up three ground balls. Wallenborn was able to score a goal and tacked on two assists. James Hughes, Mike Funk, and Fleet Jernigan also scored a goal. David Noftsinger played huge and ended up with 11 saves. The Tigers then hosted Christopher Newport University and grabbed an exciting 10-3 win on February 28. Hampden-Sydney's defense managed to hold CNU, a great offensive team, scoreless in the first quarter. The CNU Cap-

tains only got off three shots while turning the ball over four times. While the defense stood tall, Abbot Wallenborn and Mike Funk held strong on the offensive side of the ball, each scoring a goal to lead 2-0 going into the second. The scoring didn't stop there and H-SC essentially put CNU away with two back-to-back goals in the second from Armstrong and Duncan Morris. The Captains scored their first goal on a man-up opportunity but Jake Koferl got in on the scoring party with 2:53 left to give Tigers a 5-1 advantage at half. Mavromatis scored twice in the third, Wallenborn made it a five point lead with 11:17 left in the fourth, Koferl made it 9-3 at 9:36, and Armstrong scored the final goal of the game with a little over 2 minutes left in the game. Armstrong and Mavromatis led the way, each scoring two goals and dishing out an assist. Dontae Buck won 12 of the 16 face-offs and Noftsinger notched 11 saves. The #7 Cabrini Cavaliers lacrosse team visited Hampden-Sydney on March 4 and managed to come away with a 13-10 victory. Seniors Armstrong and Funk scored the contest's first two goals at 8:43 and 4:24, respectively. Cabrini's Downey scored 23 seconds after



Mike Funk scored the first two goals in a loss to #7 Cabrini College on Wednesday, March 4. Photo Credit: hscathletics.com

that, and then tied the game up at 2-2 right before the first quarter ended. Cabrini then flipped the script and scored the first two goals of the second. The Tigers responded strongly and scored three of the quarter's final four goals, tying the game at 5-5 going into halftime. Cabrini caught fire in the third quarter, as they pushed the lead to 11-7 before Morris cut the lead to three before the end of the third. Armstrong found the net with 10:04 left in the fourth but the Captains put the game out of reach and came away with a 13-10 win on a warm Wednesday night. The Hampden-Sydney lacrosse team will travel to Salisbury, Maryland on next Wednesday, March 11, to take on Salisbury at 4 pm.

-Max Dash '18					
The athletes	Gave up _____ for lent	_____ should star as me in a movie about my life	Hidden talent	Currently watching _____ on Netflix	The dress is...
 Leo Kowalski '15 Soccer	Moans	Fez from <i>That 70's Show</i>	Fifa	Louis C.K. and <i>Movie 43</i>	Garnet and Grey
 Todd Edstrom '16 Football	Soda	Tom Hardy	Playing the guitar	Breaking Bad (again)	I'm color blind, so it's just shades of dark.
 John Lloyd '16 Baseball	I gave up on the curveball	Matthew McConaughey	Balancing a large quantity 12 oz. cans in one hand	The new season of <i>House of Cards</i>	White and Gold
 JaVonte Reddick '17 Basketball	Sweet Briar girls	Will Smith	I have no clue	Cartoons	Obviously black and blue

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Sweet Briar College to Close Her Doors

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On Tuesday, March 3rd, Hampden-Sydney's unofficial sister college, Sweet Briar, announced that she will be closing her doors after the current semester. President Jimmy Jones announced to the congregated 700 member student body that the college was in deep financial debt and will close August 25th. Since 1901, the single-sex women's college has prided itself on its equestrian program, its beautiful 3250 acre campus, its innovative gender studies programs, and its early adoption of an engineering degree. President Jones released a video statement saying that the decision to close was a unanimous one on behalf of the board, and was due to the “insurmountable” financial situation, along with women being disinterested in enrolling in small, liberal arts colleges.

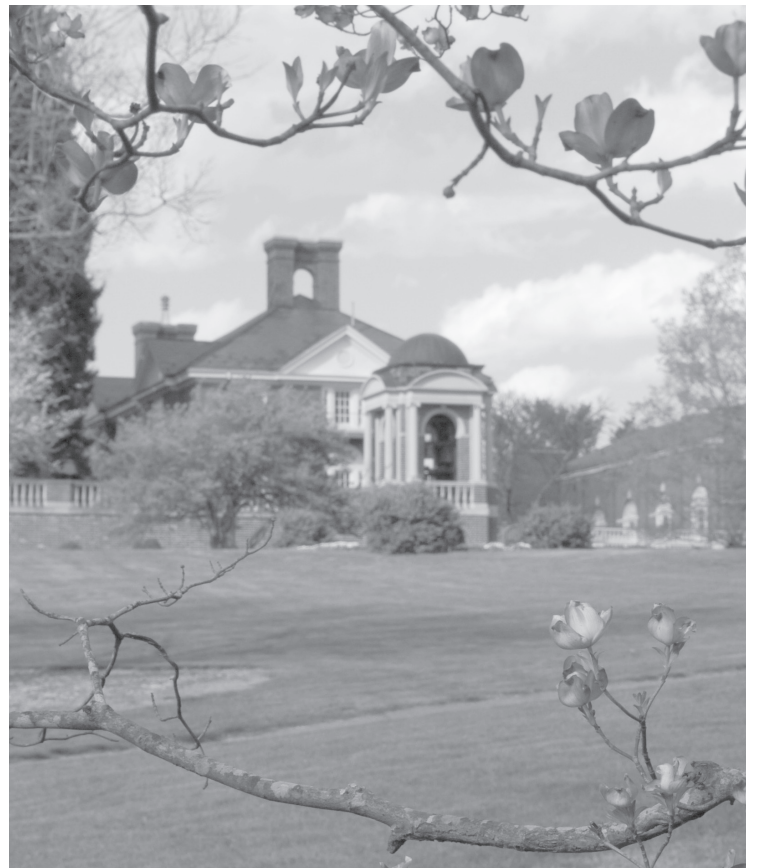
Tommy Shomo, Hampden-Sydney's Director of Marketing and Communications, says that anyone associated with higher education knew that Sweet Briar had been struggling for a long time. He explains that all colleges can expect to earn a 5 percent income on their endowment, which they use to pay for their operating costs. He says that Sweet Briar, for some time, has been using a higher percent of their \$94 million endowment, around 7 or 8 percent each year, slowly leading the college on a financial decline. This difficulty, along with the worldwide economic recession – in which all liberal arts colleges took hits – and the inability of Sweet Briar to “fill the beds,” led them to an economic decline in a situation similar to Randolph-Macon Woman's College, which was forced to go co-ed as Randolph College in 2007.

President Jones said in his speech that the college has looked into many options in attempts to stay open while

maintaining its integrity, including reaching out to surrounding schools in an attempt to go co-ed and saving money by cutting staff and under-maintaining buildings and facilities. He also said that the administration plans to do its best to focus its efforts on getting students transferred to new schools for next year, along with informing next year's incoming freshmen of the current situation.

Many questions still remain surrounding what will happen to the college. Rumors surround the college that it may be purchased by Liberty University. Sweet Briar's charter, however, may make it difficult to sell the school. The original will of Indiana Fletcher Williams, who donated the land, states that the land shall be used “for the object and with the power of establishing and maintaining within the state of Virginia a school or seminary for the education of white girls and young women,” making it impossible to

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SBC ranked highly as one of the most beautiful campuses. Photo Credit: sbc.edu

Snow Strains Facilities, Decisions Discussed

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Two weeks ago, Hampden-Sydney College received a fair amount of snow – more than five inches, to be exact. To many students' surprise, the College ended up cancelling classes despite the notorious nature of H-SC for not cancelling classes due to inclement weather; another closing following the Norovirus epidemic seemed impossible to many. The snow remained around for a long time, and during that time several students had some problems because of it. Damien Sharp '15, who lives off campus at Dishman House, had quite an unpleasant experience with the snow. “We had no running water for four days,” he explains. “I had to shower at Circle K before giving tours for an open house for admissions.” Sharp went on, “The College should do a thorough job of reevaluating campus homes owned by the college. Many are well under-kept.”

Temperatures dipped well below freezing and into the low single digits, which put further strain on facilities. Sharp recalls, “The heat also has not been able to keep up with the extremely cold temperatures. The lowest it got here was 56 degrees in the house. B&G had to bring heaters.”

As the snow came, students received word via text message and email saying that the administrative offices were closed but classes were still on a regular schedule. I found this to be very strange and wondered why the school wouldn't simply close both. I talked to Dean Stevens about the process of how the college decides to close the school and the administrative offices. He said, “When bad weather is coming our way, the VP for Business Affairs and Finance and the Provost and Dean of the Faculty review reports from the National Weather Service in Wakefield, VA, reports from the State Police, and several meteorological reports from Richmond TV stations. The Vice President for Business Affairs and Finance and the Provost

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Meet Your Newly Elected Officials

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A record number of Hampden-Sydney students voted in student body elections this year: seventy-five percent of our student body. Elected to their new positions are the following students: Matt Goodrich

'16, Student Body President; Holden McLemore '16, Student Court Chairman; Ben Bardill '16, Secretary-Treasurer; Matthew O'Donnell '16, CAC Chairman. Here we look at our student body representatives' hopes, plans, and expectations for the upcoming school year.

O'Donnell wants to tackle the CAC's financial challenge first:



Matt Goodrich '16, incoming President. Photo Credit: C. Williams-Morales

“Obviously we've learned from Tigerpalooza,” he states. He wants to achieve “a balance between Greek Week and Homecoming being our big events, but [also] save money for smaller events so that students can have a good time without our breaking the bank.” O'Donnell wishes for everyone to have input into the CAC and student government. An H-SC CAC Snapchat will be made open to the public. One of the changes that has already been made in the CAC is to delegate specific jobs, an action which has never been done before: there are now a CAC treasurer/accountant, a promo/publicity position, an equipment manager, and a hospitality position. O'Donnell wants to start his tenure on a good note and advises students to “Get ready for a good year!”

Bardill wants to see funding for students' passions realized: “[We want] a positive return for the student body. We want to grant money that [student organizations] deserve.” He realizes that the members on the Student Finance Council are new to their positions, so they will work on figuring out

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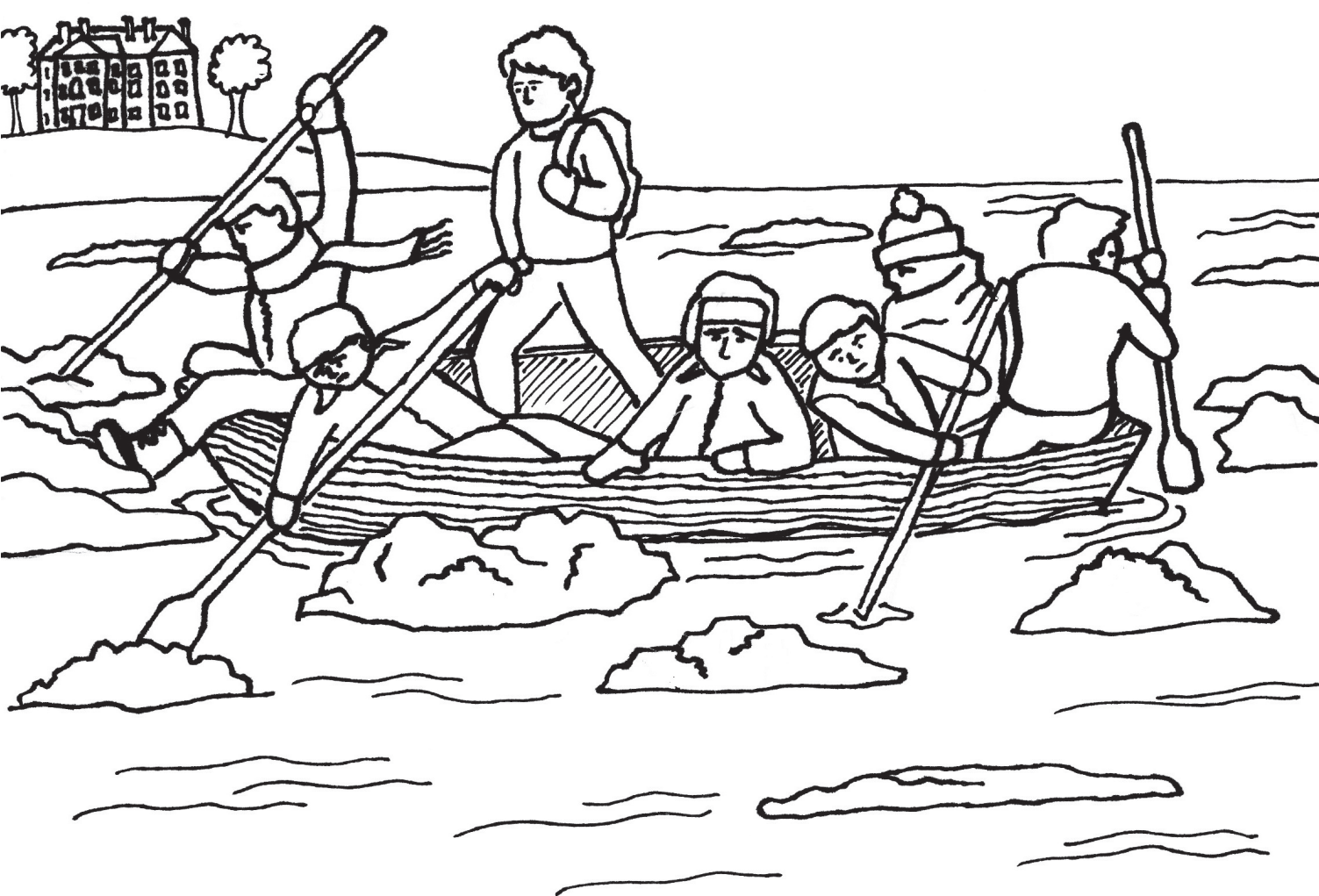
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Letters to the Editor



Marshall

"Administrative offices closed. Classes on regular schedule."

Top Yaks

- "Don't close down sweet briar! Please! Take Macon instead!"
- "Go home, this semester. You're drunk."
- "My girlfriend, my mistress, and my booty call all went to Sweet Briar. Now what will I do?"
- "This worse than when Lebron [sic] left Cleveland."
- "Now that SBC is gone how will admissions lie to future prospects?"
- "Save Sweet Briar."



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Basketball Wraps up Adventurous Season by Winning Playoff Game, Looks to Build on Success next Year

Spencer Connell '17
Sports Writer

The Hampden-Sydney basketball team has, unfortunately, concluded its exciting 2014-15 campaign after three thrilling matchups in the waning days of February. Despite going 2-1 in these final three games, it was the final game in that stretch—the ODAC quarterfinals—that saw the Tigers' season end. However, there is no need to fear for H-SC's future, for there is a plethora of talent that will return for next season. Until then, here are the final three games of the 2014-15 Tiger basketball season.

On Saturday, February 21st, H-SC hosted Shenandoah University in Fleet Gym. It was also Senior Day, so the senior Tigers were called to start the game and they did not disappoint the crowd. The seniors led H-SC to an emphatic 80-66 victory.

Senior point guard Leon Hargrove led the scoring with 17 points, and he recorded 3 rebounds on the day. Senior guard Alex Smith had 9 points, 2 rebounds, and 4 steals, which contributed to the stellar performance of the team. Additionally, senior guard Will Scott had 2 points along with 5 rebounds, and Greg Lewis scored 5 points for the afternoon.

A touching moment took place during the final scoring play of the game, when senior manager Jona-

than Wade—who also started the game—scored the final layup. It was a day to remember for all of the senior players, who we sincerely appreciate for their hard work on the court throughout their careers.

Two additional players who contributed to the victory were junior guard Mike Murray and sophomore guard Jake Duncan. Murray racked up 13 points and 3 rebounds, and Duncan had 11 points and 6 rebounds.

Despite all of the glamour and good vibes from Senior Day, there was still a conference tournament to participate in. Just two days later on Monday, February 23rd, the Tigers hosted Emory & Henry in a nail-biting opening round matchup. Hampden Sydney managed to pull off a 17-point comeback enroute to a 79-75 victory.

The game did not look like it was going the Tigers' way for much of the night, with Emory & Henry leading by 15 points at halftime. The Wasps extended their lead to 17 points around the halfway point of the 2nd half, but H-SC managed to work together to erase the deficit.

For much of the second half, the Tigers slowly closed in on Emory & Henry's lead, and it was down to 5 points with 2 minutes to go. However, excellent teamwork—along with not cracking under pressure—aided H-SC as they scored the final 9 points of the game in the final minute and 52 seconds.

Mike Murray led the thrilling



Mike Murray '16 was named Second-Team All-ODAC for his impressive performance this year. Photo Credit: hscathletics.

offense with 19 points and 4 rebounds. Greg Lewis had 15 points, all of which came from beyond the arc—including three straight during the monumental comeback—and he had 3 rebounds. Leon Hargrove had 10 points and 4 rebounds, and Will Scott also had 4 rebounds in a game that will more than likely go down as one of the most memorable Tiger playoff games in recent memory.

With the opening round matchup out of the way, it was on to Salem, Virginia for the quarterfinals against Guilford. This game

ended up being the last game for the Tigers, as they could not overcome Guilford, with a final score of 66-59. Leon Hargrove scored 13 points, and Mike Murray had 10 points along with 6 rebounds. Freshman Nick Chase and senior Alex Smith each had 4 rebounds in the final game of the season.

Overall, H-SC had an adventurous season in which they traveled to Puerto Rico to play on national television (which sparked an 8-game winning streak), and they even had a West Coast trip during the semester break. They went 16-

11, with an ODAC record of 8-8. Despite the heartbreaking exit from the ODAC tournament, the players, fans, and fellow students ought to hold their heads high. The team boasted an 83% winning percentage while playing in Fleet Gym, which is impressive. Now, the Tigers will look to build on the successes of this season and move forward into next season with a talented group of players returning. If you happen to see a Hampden-Sydney basketball player or coach as you walk around the Hill, congratulate them on their hard work this season.

Baseball Slips on – and off – the Field

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Early-season schedule issues have continued to be a problem for Hampden-Sydney Baseball, as two cancellations and three postponements have thrown the team off its rhythm. The continued winter weather has only allowed H-SC to play two games in the last two weeks. Unfortunately the team suffered two road losses in early March to Averett and Virginia Wesleyan.

H-SC traveled to Averett on Tuesday, March 3rd. In the 4-2 loss, the Tigers recorded six hits compared to Averett's ten. Sophomore Matthew Metheny started on the mound, going three innings while allowing two runs on five hits,

with one strikeout and one walk.

The game was a defensive battle through the first two and a half innings, with neither team scoring a run. Averett was able to break the tie in the bottom of the third, as a two-RBI single gave them a 2-0 lead. The Cougars added to their lead with another run in the fifth inning.

H-SC finally got on the board in the sixth, when junior Reggie Johnson batted in senior Jeff Gray. H-SC added another run in the seventh when senior Christian Hamlett batted in freshman Hayden Basse.

The Tigers' comeback fell short, as Averett added one more run in the bottom of the seventh and were able to secure the win.

H-SC then traveled to Virginia Wesleyan on Wednesday, March 4th. The team suffered a gut-wrenching 5-4 loss in the ninth inning.

Johnson went eight innings on the mound for H-SC, allowing four runs on eight hits. He also struck out seven Marlins and allowed four walks.

At the plate H-SC recorded eight hits, with Jeff Gray and Spencer Wiles each recording two. Gray batted in two runs, while Wiles batted in one and scored twice.

The Tigers got off to a hot start, scoring two runs in the top of the first as senior Spencer Wiles and junior John Lloyd scored on RBI hits by Hamlett and Gray. A triple by Wiles in the second inning scored junior Jackson Rogers to put H-SC up 3-0. However, the Marlins got on the board in the bottom of the frame with one run.

Two more Wesleyan runs in the sixth inning tied the game at 3. The Tigers were able to reclaim the lead



Spencer Wiles '15 throwing against Averett. Photo Credit: hscathletics.com

in the top of the eighth, when a sacrifice fly from Gray allowed Wiles to cross the plate. The lead did not last, as the Marlins tied the game in the bottom of the frame. They went on to score the final run in the bottom of the ninth and claim the win.

Hampden-Sydney's overall re-

cord now sits at 3-4-1. The Tigers will return to action this weekend, as the team will escape from the wintry weather in Port Charlotte, Florida while competing in the Snowbird Classic. H-SC will face Heidelberg and Baldwin Wallace on Sunday, March 8th.

Tiger Reviews

Lords of the Fallen
-CI Games &
Deck13 Interactive
★★★★☆

Have you ever punched a wall repeatedly only to realize that your fist is just bleeding, the wall hasn't even budged, and now you're just pissed off? If you've ever submitted yourself to the masochism formerly titled *Dark Souls* you'll understand where this charming sentiment comes from. Well, in case you're a gamer that just can't get enough of the monotonous hack-and-slash RPG where the only thing you're rewarded with is death, more death, and an onslaught of treacherous titan-like fiends, then *Lords of the Fallen* might peak your interest.

This past October, Deck13 Interactive and CI Games, led by Polish game producer Tomasz Gop—the leading producer of *Witcher 2*—collaborated on the project that would forever fall beneath the shadows of *Dark Souls*. *Lords of the Fallen* takes the revolutionary idea that *Dark Souls* created—actually make the gamer captivated and challenged by making the AI unbearably difficult—and then forms a less appealing generic knockoff with it.

The creators obviously attempted to branch out and make a unique and refreshing game with a picturesque mountain castle covered in snow alongside a very similar, yet demonic, mountain castle covered in snow which you basically run laps around the entire game.



And with each lap you make in between, around, up, and then down the castles the creators provide you with slightly better weapons and even harder AI, as you stumble into boss after boss. If that's not enough for you, the creators also scattered, or more like dumped, a ton of wooden benches, tables, chairs, shelves, thrones, and whatever other pieces of furniture they could think of throughout the tiny corridors and stairwells. And with each roll through a breakable object the FPS of the game just gets even slower causing those picturesque views and already slow sword swings to get blurry and much, much slower. Even worse, the game just throws you, the main character Harkyn, into a world of friars, knights, and

one woman, who happens to be like the friendly yet competitive sidekick you might find at the start of a *Pokémon* game, with no explanation of what the hell is going on until the last twenty percent of the game.

Despite the bleak and mediocre attributes and almost nonexistent plot line the game has to offer, there are a few positive features that the game introduces. With a *Diablo*-style loot system that offers increasingly better weapons and armor in each chest, *Lords of the Fallen* allows gamers to enjoy an arcade type of "beat-em-up" style of play that can be tailored to fit any strategy. If you're a gamer who would rather hang back, play it safe, and throw projectiles at your enemies, then you can do just

that; at the same time, *Lords of the Fallen* offers heavy enough armor and weapons so that if you want to storm in guns blazing and balls to the wall, you can brutally smash yourself against any foe. Additionally, *Lords of the Fallen* introduces a new type of experience multiplier system, one that *Dark Souls* should definitely take note of. With every foe you slaughter, your experience multiplier goes up indefinitely, until you stop and save the game or die.

Despite a few redeeming qualities, *Lords of the Fallen* falls below par for the game it sets out to achieve. Instead, it merely serves as a moderately acceptable time killer until you find a better game.

-Tyler Parham '15

Of Beauty and Rage
-Red
★★★★☆

Tennessee rock band Red is back with their fifth studio album, *of Beauty and Rage*. The album is the second in which Red has experimented with using industrial sounds as introductions and postludes, after 2013's *Release the Panic*. The hour-long LP is palatable for the most part. However, there is not as much "oomph" in this LP as there has been in previous Red albums. While some songs have catchy beats and riffs, most of the album is a bit lackluster regarding radio-worthy songs.

What is not lost in Red's new LP is the band's stance on faith. While they do not title their new songs with obligatory religious themes, the lyrics—much like the lyrics in all of their songs throughout their career—evoke the message of faith, which the band is widely known for around the globe. This practice may prevent Red from showing up on a

hard rock radio station, but it does not stop them from touring the world and catering to both secular and spiritual audiences. There is still something to like about Red because of their ability to produce music that anyone can enjoy.

As for one or two notable songs on the album, "Falling Sky" is not so bad, and it has the ability to get onto radio waves if the band chooses to release the song as a single. Speaking of singles, the album's first two singles, "Darkest Part" and "Yours Again," were released a couple of weeks before the debut of the album. "Darkest Part" is an example of fundamental Red, where heavy bass lines and guitar riffs drive the song along in a decent manner. "Yours Again" follows the dark motif of the album as the music is equal parts heavy and eerie.

Overall, *of Beauty and Rage* is not a terrible album, but Red could have done better and created something that equaled the energy of their previous albums.

-Spencer Connell '17



Local Eats: Walker's Gets a Second Chance

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Social Media Editor

For over 50 years, Walker's Diner has served the Town of Farmville from its location on South Main Street in Old Town. While the diner was once a frequent stop for many members of the Hampden-Sydney community, its frequent change in owners—leading to mismanagement and more than lackluster food—has deterred some folks over the years. During my last visit and critique of Walker's I left the establishment with two out of five stars after a less than appetizing breakfast.

I chose to give them a second chance, however, this time over lunch. Though Walker's is small in size, its atmosphere is one of the best you will find in Farmville. Smells from the kitchen waft in the air, patrons fill the fifteen red upholstered bar stools that line the lunch counter—pleasantly clouding the room with conversation. If you don't know the person sitting alongside you at the counter, I can assure you that the two of you will be good friends by the time your food arrives.

Although Walker's serves an array of lunch items, they are most notably known for their fresh hamburgers—"made daily," the sign on the window proudly displays. Playing into the burger propaganda on the window I ordered a cheeseburger and fries served alongside a chocolate shake. However, this was no ordinary cheeseburger; this was a Walker's Diner Campus Burger consisting of a handcrafted beef burger, American cheese, chili, a fried egg, bacon, and coleslaw. While many overstuffed burgers like this are usually sloppily made or combine subpar ingredients on top of a mediocre burger, this burger was nothing close to mediocre. The burger itself was tender, well seasoned, and clearly handcrafted. The chili was hearty, the egg well fried, and the coleslaw—though slightly bland—was good as well. As for fries, I was impressed to see that they were not only fired to order but also hand cut and topped with seasoning salt. Although I would have liked a little more chocolate, the milkshake was creamy and smooth enough to sip through the straw.

I will note that if you are in a rush Walker's is not the place go, as it takes the small kitchen a fair amount of time to turn around the orders; yet the burgers are worth the wait. Taking its atmosphere, food, and its service all into account, I leave Walker's Diner with three and a half out of five stars. Until we eat again, cheers and happy eating.



OPINION

SBC's Closing a Mandate: H-SC Must Do Better

Tarun Sharma '15
Opinion Editor

This week's stunning announcement of the closing of Hampden-Sydney's "sister school" and colleague Sweet Briar College in Amherst allows the issue of fiscal health to re-emerge just as Hampden-Sydney finds herself in a leadership crisis. Despite the endowment's growth to its highest point in the College's 240-year history (~\$150mm), it's difficult not to find glaring similarities between the two colleges that have been intricately linked for the past 114 years. It's easy to point to culture found in being a small liberal arts college in the South, but the most important similarity is our dedication to single sex education.

With Sweet Briar's closing, there are now fewer than 50 women's colleges in the country, a steep decline from the hundreds in operation during the 1960's. Including the three all-male institutions still operating (Wabash, Morehouse, and ourselves), there are 51 single-sex institutions. However, the challenges that we face on this Hill are far steeper than those faced by our brothers in Atlanta or Indiana. While neither Wabash nor Hampden-Sydney are able to say that there is an official sister college like Spellman College is to Morehouse, Wabash enjoys an endowment more than twice the size of our own. Similarly, while Hampden-Sydney's endowment is slightly

larger than Morehouse's, our historical status does not reach as far. Morehouse is known as the alma mater of Civil Rights leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and it is certainly easier to recruit to Atlanta than the suburbs of Farmville, VA.

What sets Hampden-Sydney apart from these, and other colleges, is her mission: "to form good men and good citizens in an atmosphere of sound learning." It is imperative that we do this job, because the people that comprise this community are too great, and their mission too important to the future of this country and this planet. Men look outward, and children look inward. Our journey does not stop when we collect our degrees and cross the stage on Mother's Day. It extends into the world, because we represent the fulfillment of that mission to provide something that the world so desperately needs. Recent data tells us that the position of men in our society is in peril. It is incredibly important to educate women, and any society that fails to do so will fail to capitalize on a significant portion of its potential future growth, but the world needs good men, good citizens, good leaders, good husbands, good fathers, good brothers, and good sons.

There is a lot of controversy surrounding our college—how it has changed, how it may not be the same alma mater it once was due to our own leadership issues, and I understand. Our community is tight knit, and we always pull together in times of tragedy. This is one of those

times. This is not the opening salvo, but simply the latest shot in the long history of single-sex education. We have not been like W&L, or other less resilient schools. We have never been the wealthiest, but we have consistently stood up for the benefits of single-sex education and the values that this college was founded upon. This is no time to give up on our principles, but rather a time to double down. We must support the College in both our finances and our interaction with students for years to come. Presidents and others from the outside will come and go. Some will grasp what is so great about this institution, and others will fall flat. However, the ideals that Hampden-Sydney rests upon must shine eternal. The integration of men's studies into the curriculum may be the key to providing that stable future. While accredited women's studies classes have been around since Armstrong and Aldrin walked on the Moon, men's studies classes have not. Hampden-Sydney has a real opportunity to mold itself into a hub for these types of studies going forward, and by doing so, save this nation from the leadership of morally corrupt men and women. This College and this community must continue to produce good men and good citizens, or die out, and go by the wayside like so many less resilient institutions before her. Hampden-Sydney must send her great sons into the world, for our light will reflect back unto the beacon that is, and must be, this shining "city" upon the Hill.

H-SC ENS: Administrative Offices are Taking a Day Off

William Vogan '16
Staff Writer

"Hampden-Sydney never cancels class," I'm sure we've all heard this statement at some point, whether it was as a prospective or an actual student. While this statement is not entirely correct, it is true that we rarely cancel class for any reason short of an emergency. At this college, we continue to maintain multiple traditions, including the tradition of rarely canceling class. However, the days chosen to break this tradition, and who breaks them, do not always fill their very large and old shoes.

As we all remember, class was canceled for almost a week due to the Norovirus outbreak that had an enormous amount of students rushing to the toilet and even the hospital in many more serious cases. Though classes were eventually canceled to help limit the outbreak of the virus, classes still continued for nearly a full day after the first group of students began to get sick. I personally had to go to the hospital after being sick (non-stop) for a very long six hours, and was appalled that classes were not already canceled when I returned to campus. I remember being admitted to a bed in Centra Southside Community Hospital and soon hearing that I was not the first to be admitted that night with the same symptoms. More than a dozen more Hampden-Sydney students came in before I left several hours later.

It absolutely makes sense to me that the school was closed to sanitize the college's buildings. It also makes sense to me that class was canceled for the 8 inches of snow that fell in our area, especially after

trying to make a Wal-Mart run later that day; the roads were terrible, and it was dangerous for the off-campus members of the H-SC community (both staff and the few students) to try and make it to class. That being said, I have noticed an extremely disappointing factor on the days we could break our tradition but choose not to. This is seen in nearly every text and email the college has sent out in regards to our schedule during these potential emergencies. The notifications read, "Emergency Notification: administrative offices closed, classes on regular schedule."

How in the world can an administration close their office and still expect students and faculty to continue as normal? It is perfectly reasonable to close the administration offices when classes have also been canceled. Obviously in this situation, some condition or event is bad enough that students and teachers are excused from maintaining the usual routine of the college. However, it seems that every time something could potentially go wrong, and emergency notifications are sent out to the H-SC community, it reads, "H-SC ENS: administrative offices closed, classes on regular schedule." Why? The students and professors maintain the traditions of the college, demonstrating our dedication to the institution, but the administration is home, sitting out the storm. It has an eerie vibe that says "H-SC ENS: It's too dangerous for the important people to come to work today, but don't worry, you plebes are fine." I seriously advise whoever makes these calls on closing the school to reconsider the decision to let the administration off so easy; staff shouldn't be riding out the storm, but facing it with us, the students and faculty.

We Should Admit SBC Transfers

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Guest Writer

Before I begin the selfish rant of how Sweet Briar's recent closing affects Hampden-Sydney, I would like to express my sincere sorrow for every Sweet Briar woman past and present; I cannot imagine the pain I would go through if the tables were turned and I am genuinely saddened.

"Everyone's [sic] traumatized, Bobby. This is horrible." This is the text I received from an anonymous SBC student. I have been fortunate enough in life that I cannot begin to process what exactly trauma feels like, but I do believe that the closing

of an institution that a person has so much invested in truly meets the definition of the word. For those of you that are unfamiliar through some unfathomable light, Sweet Briar College will close permanently on August 25 due to "insurmountable financial challenges" despite their brag-worthy reportedly \$94 million endowment. This current semester and a summer session will finish though, meaning that all the seniors will be the last graduates ever of the historic college and all other students will have to transfer elsewhere. The college has partnered with select other schools to expedite the transfer process and accept all SBC student's credits and scholarships. The colleges open to

transfer, according to Sweet Briar's Facebook page, are Randolph, Hollins, Roanoke, Mary Baldwin, Lynchburg, Shenandoah, and Kettering University in Michigan.

From my early moments at Hampden-Sydney, I was told I had to go to the Halloween Boat House at Sweet Briar; I never did and now never will. Although I make no claims to be the most socially active member of the H-SC Brotherhood, I have only met one Mary Baldwin girl and just a handful of Hollins girls while the rest of the female company that I've enjoyed has hailed primarily from Sweet Briar and Longwood. Despite the jokes made, Sweet Briar women are incredible and crucial to

the Hampden-Sydney experience. The fact is simple: we took them for granted. The classic stereotypes of sundresses and horses will no longer exist on campus in years to come, there will be no more H-SC/SBC alumni marriages in years to come, prospective students and mothers of H-SC will be even more concerned with the lack of female interaction in years to follow. Upon reading the text mentioned from my friend, I was shocked and obviously confused. I imagined what I would do if H-SC had suddenly closed and I lost everything here from tailgates to unbeatable trust to

a home, and at the simple thought of it, I felt hopeless. The women of SBC are facing difficulty that we have been blessed to not worry about and they deserve our support.

I love the all-male aspect yet would be understanding and welcoming if Hampden-Sydney, hypothetically, motioned the temporary admission of Sweet Briar transfers in an effort to comfort such agony. The Sweet Briar classes of 2016-2018 could be temporary students of Hampden-Sydney in a gesture of good faith. President Jimmy Jones of Sweet Briar College is in the

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Senior Giving Campaign Targets Chief Gee

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In light of the recent announcement about Sweet Briar College closing, it is important to remember your alma mater in the coming years. After graduation, many graduates think that they should donate later, when they can donate more money; but this track of thinking is folly because every dollar helps.

Every year seniors at Hampden-Sydney raise money to support an incoming freshman who is a model Hampden-Sydney Man; someone who achieved academic excellence, but is in need financially. An ideal candidate for the scholarship is an

incoming student who represents honor, respect, and discipline. Since Hampden-Sydney is a private college, we rely strictly on endowments and receive no public funding, so traditions like these are key to our survival. The Senior Gift Campaign is a tradition that not only helps an incoming student, but also helps unite the senior class as they leave The Hill. This year, members of the student body involved in the campaign are trying to increase how interactive students can be by planning events that will be announced in later issues of the *Tiger*. As of now, there is a plan to have a cookout during Senior Week, which will have a band, in order to encourage a sense of family and unity in the class of 2015.

Every year the gift is given in honor of a member of the staff at H-SC, and the class of 2015 has chosen to honor Deputy Chief Gee. "Dep. Chief Gee has become more than just a member of the Police Department, but a reliable friend and family member to us all at this college," said Sydney Henriques '15. This year, seniors aim to beat the \$30,000 mark reached in 2011 in honor of Dean Garland.

For more information on how to donate, or how to help out, contact Damien Sharp, Tyler Parham, Aaron Gilani, Tyrone Freston, Quentin Smith, Hunter Retan, Scott Markland, or Will Russell. This fundraiser is a great way for seniors to show their love for Hampden-Sydney and its student body.

Landing an Internship, Step One: Visit the Second Floor of Bagby

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The Career Education and Vocational Reflection office's prides itself on its motto, "You can do anything with a degree from Hampden-Sydney." Before you "do anything" with that degree, however, spending some time interning is often a necessary stepping-stone to eventually proving that motto right.

Internships are a vital part of the vocational process, and testing out the waters before diving right in can go a long way in a student's professional development.

Associate Director Rebecca Snyder works primarily with helping students find and secure internships. This can range from helping prepare a resume to teaching how to do certain interviews, to even providing helpful contacts in a desired industry.

"We do a lot of educating with our students," Snyder said. "We help them get ready for those conversations."

Joe Lantagne '16, who is currently an alternate to intern with the State Department of Florence, Italy, has experienced first-hand the benefits of seeking out the office's help.

"Any question that you might have they are ready to help figure out an answer," Lantagne said. "They are all happy to help out in any way that they can."

The office's help is not just limited to those who have already secured internships. No matter what stage in the internship process, there is always something that can help and improve.

"I would recommend going up there to get some help even if you don't think that you need it," Lantagne said. "It always helps to have

someone critique your resume and to go over the proper ways to write cover letters and conduct interviews. In the end the office can only help."

Internships, while obviously an integral part of preparing for future employment, are often low paid or even unpaid.

"We'd hate to see students have to say no to those opportunities," Snyder said.

That is where intern scholarships come in. The office, thanks to generous donations of several alumni, offers these scholarships to current students who have secured a summer internship of some kind, but lack the finances necessary to participate.

Last year, 23 students were awarded with internship scholarships—the amounts of which varied based on needs.

To qualify, students must fill out an application, an anticipated cost worksheet, and a brief write-up about how relevant the internship is to their career goals. The deadline for turning those in is April 8. Then, on April 13, 14, and 15, the awards committee will conduct brief interviews to decide who receives the scholarships and how much they receive.

Thanks to his scholarship, Matt Goodrich '16 was able to spend his summer in the heart of the Colorado Rockies, interning as a whitewater rafting, back-packing, and rock-climbing guide at Noah's Ark Whitewater Rafting and Adventure Co.

"I cannot say enough good things about their team on the second floor of Bagby," Goodrich said. "They are an incredible resource for HS-C students."

The financial flexibility that his scholarship provided allowed Goodrich to

embark on a once in a lifetime experience halfway across the country.

"Listen, follow, and explore jobs that align with your intrinsic callings; it is a long-term investment," Goodrich said. "Not only did I find a job/internship that I thoroughly enjoyed, but I also learned a ton of hard and soft skills that employers are looking for nowadays."

Huston Thomas '16, Goodrich's roommate at the time, also received an intern scholarship, which enabled him to serve as a waterfront intern at Saranac Village—a Young Life camp in upstate New York.

"I was part of a team of college-aged interns and camp staff who led the monthly volunteers in running the camp week-by-week with the mission of delivering the gospel," Thomas said.

Thomas, like Goodrich, spent his summer hundreds of miles away from home, and therefore relied heavily on the assistance of his internship scholarship to make his opportunity possible.

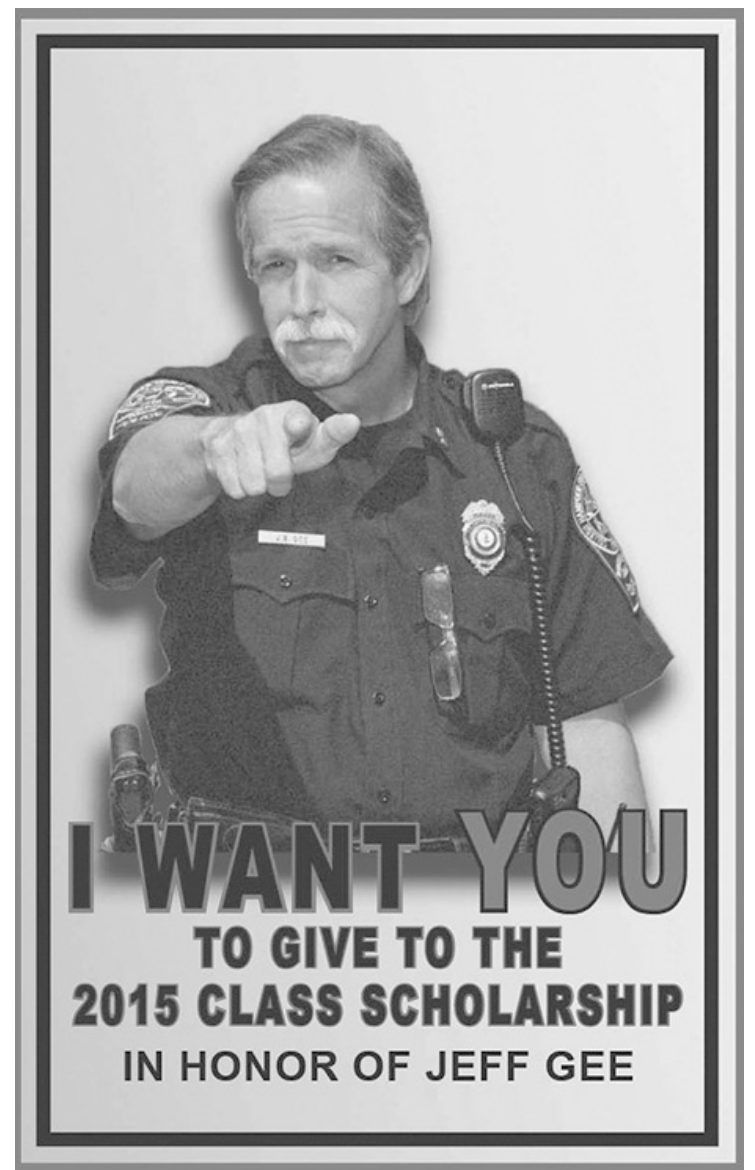
The help is there for students to do anything with their Hampden-Sydney degree, all they have to do is seize it.

"My advice would be to meet us," Snyder said. "You do not know what you have to do to come see us. We are here to help you figure out what you can do. Don't hesitate, just come in. It's never too late."

Lantagne, Goodrich, and Thomas all echo Snyder's testament, and have all reaped the benefits of seeking out the office's help.

After all, what was Snyder's biggest regret in college?: "Not using my career office."

To make an appointment with the Career Education staff, you can reach them at (434) 223-6106, or stop by Bagby 209 and see Mrs. Jennifer Allen.



College Closings Continued

and Dean of the Faculty together make the decision on whether or not to close the college administrative offices. If they decide it would be dangerous for staff to come to work, the offices are closed."

Stevens contrasted his description of administrative closings by stating that while the same people are involved in the decision, "the standards for closing are different. Since we do not have a large commuter student population, it makes more sense for us to hold classes even when some other colleges, such as Longwood University, cancel classes. Most of our students live on campus or very near campus. The Provost and Dean of the Faculty, in

consultation with the VP for Business Affairs and Finance, decides whether or not to cancel classes."

Stevens also made another distinction by mentioning that "individual faculty have the authority on their own to cancel their classes if they happen to live too far from campus to make it here safely during bad weather, whereas individual staff members do not have that authority. So it sometimes makes sense for classes to be held, even if offices are closed. For these reasons, classes are only canceled in the event of severe weather, and offices are closed somewhat more frequently."

Snow, ice, and cold temperatures are expected to continue for the near future, and whether or not Hampden-Sydney has weathered the worst of the weather, our experiences so far this season ought to provide us some lessons going forward.



Venable Hall offers shelter from winter weather. Photo Credit: Mason Watkins

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divide the land or use for any purpose of other than a school. This charter can be amended, however. In the 1960's, Sweet Briar's Board of Directors attempted to desegregate the school. They were sued by a group of alumni, saying that it violated the charter. The case led to the supreme court in the case Sweet Briar Institute, appellant, v. Robert Y. Button, et al., appellees, which ruled in favor of the board of trustees and the argument that it was in the best interest of the college.

Despite the dire situation, there

may be a glimmer of hope for Sweet Briar. Within hours of the announcement, phenomena such as #savesweetbriar and "Vixen to Save Sweet Briar College" reached many people. Overnight, a website (www.savingsweetbriar.com) was put together to donate money towards the goal of \$250 million. Within just a few hours of its creation, it raised well over a hundred thousand dollars towards "saving Sweet Briar and covering legal defense funds."

Although a hundred thousand dollars is but a drop in the bucket, and 250 million is a long way away, I think we can all agree that the legacy of Sweet Briar and the women that go there will be remembered and have a special place in our hearts.

Cogito Unmasked: Bridging Science and Religion

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Have you ever wanted to have in-depth discussions combining religion, science, and reason whilst eating exotic foods? If so, Cogito might just be the club for you. Started at Hampden-Sydney by its current director, Missy Deregi-bus, to "provide a safe place for the exploration of faith and reason, and their implications for issues of justice, duty, science, beauty, and meaning," Cogito seeks to relate science and religion and strives for the pursuit of truth. The club name was taken from the philosopher Rene Descartes' famous saying "Cogito ergo sum" or, as it's known in English, "I think therefore I am."

If you're thinking about joining Cogito, be prepared to think far more once you join. The Student President of Cogito, Josh Taylor '16, told me the group is an "applied philosophy group that promotes values that contribute to a certain lifestyle." The group reads and discusses hard concepts in an academic way and for that reason the club is "not for everyone." That being said,

the group welcomes people with different backgrounds, ideas, and perspectives and because the group seeks out truth no one's opinion is ignored. If philosophical and religious thinking is for you or if you are even considering it, the group will try to convince you by offering free exotic ethnic food at their meetings. Josh told me that they are "not using ordinary thinking so [they] don't eat ordinary food."

The group meets at least once a week as a reading group but also takes trips and books lecturers throughout the semester. In these meetings the group discusses texts such as *The Handbook of Christian Apologetics* and *The Book of Titus*. The group, while seemingly very serious, is not fun free. Taylor told me that the group likes to make up names for their leaders and despite his office's title of president, some members refer to him as the Sultan of Cogito; he himself refers to his vice president, Joe Lantagne, as Grand Vizier.

If you want discussions of truth, reason, and religion; exotic foods; and a Sultan as president, then the thought-provoking group Cogito could be for you. You might want to consider it...or at least think about it.

New Student Officials Continued

the nuances. Bardill wishes to bring back mandatory club dues, exempting religious and service organizations, as they "hedge [against] bad outcomes, and fiscal responsibility is placed on clubs." He suggests that there will be more changes along the way, such as requiring clubs to save a portion of the money that they are given each semester. "I'm focused on growth, and I'm an open marketplace for new ideas. I am fully confident that everything will work."

McLemore's primary goal is to increase communication between the Student Court and the rest of

the school: "We want to let people know that H-SC is the best we can be, and make sure the mock honor trial goes well." He thinks that our Honor Code is tremendously important and argues that "it is important [that we] don't devalue our student justice system. We need to keep it student run and keep it away from the administration." A big challenge for the court, he claims, is understanding how Title IX affects the student body, and how the entire community can "stay ahead of the curve with that." As far as potential changes, McLemore wants to keep things the way they are, stating, "We have a system that works."

Goodrich states that his number one goal is "to make sure every stu-

Catch Me if You Can! Forrest Wilson '14 Travels the World, Shares Experiences

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On Tuesday, February 17th, during the Snowpocalypse, I had the pleasure of engaging in a Skype conversation with an H-SC alumnus from the class of 2014, Forrest Wilson. Wilson has gone on one of the most incredible adventures – a story that deserves to be told.

Wilson, before engaging on his global adventure, was a brother of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, the golf team, and a member of the Students for Liberty organization. He also studied Austrian Economics with Professors Carilli, Isaacs, and Dirmeyer. Interestingly, almost ten days after his graduation, he decided to set sail for Singapore. His drastic move to Singapore led Wilson to his work as a manager of

business development. Essentially, what Wilson currently does is international project management, bid models, bid intelligence, and proposal reviews and submissions. Wilson lives his life with the motto of "a little leisure, and a lot of work."

However, with his work allowing him to visit exotic landscapes, such as those of Spain, England, Thailand, Vietnam, and Bali in Indonesia, he ensures that he still makes time for experiencing the culture and lifestyles. Wilson described his unique experiences as "everything being different than what you are used to." In fact, Wilson told me of his dining experience in Singapore, where he ate jellyfish and live octopus. In addition to odd delicacies, there are other formalities and customs in dining that Wilson described, some of which include reserving a seat with a napkin, or some other placeholder, then order-

ing your meal. I asked Wilson what his thoughts were on these strange customs, and he compared them to his studies in Austrian Economics with Professor Carilli. More specifically, he stated that in foreign countries such as Singapore, there is an "emergent phenomena." Wilson argues that "looking at this all across the world... this comes into being because one person started doing it... [it is] fascinating to experience and see it firsthand." Wilson took his education from H-SC and applied it to real life situations that he was experiencing across the globe. When I asked about how H-SC has helped him accustom to life abroad, Wilson told me that "When you graduate from H-SC... it helps coming from a liberal arts school for how valuable you can be in problem solving." However, he also states that accustoming to life abroad is "nerve-racking because you don't fit in or have [the] skills to handle certain situations."

In one instance, Wilson stumbled upon an H-SC alumnus while abroad in Singapore. The alumnus was a foreign exchange student from Ireland, Lorcan Duffy, who, during his time at H-SC, played for the golf team with Wilson for a year. Wilson smiled, "[I was] fortunate enough to go to school where if you ran into someone, they will show you hospitality. [H-SC] does not have a big international presence, [but it is] good to know a couple of guys are out and about."

Forrest Wilson is a man who welcomes any opportunity that comes his way. For example, he has experienced different forms of government, he has met many people from various classes in their respective societies, he has played with elephants on the beaches of Thailand, and he has acclimated himself to brush up on other cultures by learning various languages such as Arabic, Hindi, Spanish, and even some Chinese. In the end, Wilson says, "Never in my entire life would I have thought...I would be doing this. I'm pretty fortunate... and it has been a pretty wild ride."



Forrest Wilson's travels take him to the waters of Thailand. Photo Credit: himself

dent knows I am an approachable guy, [for students to] feel free to reach out to me whenever you see me and bring up any issues, ideas, or hopes you may have for the college." Two ideals he wishes to maintain on campus are unity and service. One area which Goodrich is encouraged by is the "strong growth in our Career Educational office." He hopes that with the help of "Ellen Masters and her team, [we can] to continue to see current students connect with alumni. You could categorize this as a place where I'd like to see continued positive change." Regarding the challenges he will face in his new position, "I expect to be challenged and stretched [as] student body president and [by] all the duties that the job entails, but I'm very excited for the opportunity." As a final comment to our student body, Goodrich says that he is "grate-

ful for the opportunity and excited for what is in store. Go Tigers!"



McLemore. Photo Credit: facebook.com

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uniquely difficult position knowing he will forever be the final leader of the treasured women's college that is Sweet Briar College. As gentlemen, it is not a time to forget the legacy that was Sweet Briar College and move on, but a time to show empathy and remember the great times we have shared with Sweet Briar girls—a tradition unlike that which all future Hampden-Sydney men will experience.